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City Notes.

TROUBLE CARS STONED.—Sunday night, and again last night, trunks were stoned while passing through Dickson City.

REGULAR MEETING.—The Scranton Club's association, No. 211, will hold their regular meeting to night at 8 o'clock, at Carpenter's hall, Wyoming avenue.

EASTER SUPPER.—The Ladies' Aid society of the Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church will serve an Easter supper at E. H. Corey's, 947 James street, on Wednesday evening, March 26.

WINDOWS BROKEN.—Car 121 on the No. 6 branch at Dunmore had several windows broken about 2 o'clock last night by stones thrown by some unknown person. There was no one in the car at the time.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.—The central Women's Christian Temperance union will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Guernsey's hall, subject "What is the Best Use We Can Make of Money Now in the Treasury."

THEIR CONDITIONS IMPROVED.—The condition of the three men injured in the Lackawanna wreck at Gouldsboro on Sunday was reported to be much improved last night. Their names are Frank Hallet, George Wilcox and William Wardell, and they are at the Moses Taylor hospital.

SAMUEL BARTON KILLED.—A man named Samuel Barton, supposed to be from this city, was struck and instantly killed by a freight train at Ashley yesterday. The police were last night requested to find his relatives, but could ascertain nothing definite about him. His name does not appear in the directory.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.—The special religious meetings held in the First Presbyterian church this week are open to all who desire to attend. Rev. Mr. Odell, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of this city, will speak at one of the meetings, and Rev. Mr. Lee, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church, will address another. The meetings will begin at 7:45 o'clock and will continue not more than an hour.

EASTER SALE.—The Easter sale for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian association will open this afternoon in the rooms on Washington avenue, under the direction of a committee of young girls, who have been working very hard for the association. As must be well known, this most worthy institution is in dire need of funds and the assistance which it is hoped will be received from this sale will be very welcome indeed. There will be many beautiful things shown in a most attractive way. A pretty tea room will be one of the features, while ice cream and light refreshments will be provided. The sale will continue until Thursday night.

JUDGMENT IS AFFIRMED. The City Cannot Collect from E. B. Sturges. The Supreme court at Philadelphia yesterday affirmed the judgment of the

court of common pleas of this county in the case of the City of Scranton against E. B. Sturges. Mr. Sturges refused to pay for the asphalt pavement laid in front of certain properties on Washington avenue controlled by him, on the ground that the pavement was not properly laid by the contractors. The city brought suit, and Judge Carpenter decided that the city could not recover, because the contract was to lay and keep in repair for ten years, thus compelling the property owner, instead of the city at large, to pay the cost of repairs.

WOULDN'T APPROVE BILL

Auditing Committee Believes Sinking Fund Commission Had No Authority to Seek Advice.

Some months ago, when the sinking fund commissioners were considering the advisability of taking up \$100,000 of bonds to pay for the sewerage, they requested former City Solicitor James H. Torrey for an opinion as to the legality of the issue. Mr. Torrey sent in an opinion, and an accompanying bill for \$25. This bill was held up last night by the joint auditing committee, which refused to approve it. When the bill was read, Chairman D. W. Vaughan requested Clerk Evan R. Morris to read that section of the "ripper" bill bearing on the question, which is as follows: "No department of the city shall employ any other solicitor (but the city solicitor), but assistant counsel may be employed in any particular matter or cause by the city recorder, with the consent of council, but he shall be selected by the city solicitor. "There's no use in arguing about this," said Mr. Vaughan. "These people went ahead and secured outside counsel with absolutely no right or authority, and they alone are responsible for the payment of this bill. We have a solicitor downstairs just as capable of furnishing a proper opinion as any one else." The bill was held up.

A bill of \$1,502.35, sent in by the Scranton Gas and Water company for the setting of certain hydrants on Lackawanna avenue and adjacent streets, was referred back to Director of Public Works Roche at a previous meeting. Last night it was returned without the approval of that official, accompanied by a letter in which he announced his inability to approve the bill because of an item of \$444.33 for valves and sleeves which he did not order, and because the pavement charged for has not yet been laid. The bill was referred back to the company for correction.

Another bill referred back to Director Roche at a previous meeting was one for \$222.18 from the same company for moving water mains in the Eleventh ward to make room for a sewer. The director refused to approve this also, and in another communication expressed himself as believing that the city has a prior right of way over all thoroughfares and can compel the removal of all obstructions of whatever nature at the expense of the person or corporation to whom such obstructions belong. This bill was permanently laid on the shelf by the committee.

This was the committee's last meeting, held on the organization of council, and the members present tendered to Chairman Vaughan a vote of thanks for his services during the year. He has been the moving spirit of the committee and whenever he declared himself in favor of following a certain course, the other members have almost invariably followed.

THAT COAL ASSESSMENT

City Solicitor Will Decide That It Should Be Classed as Third-Class Property.

City Solicitor Watson will today furnish the board of city assessors with a written opinion dealing with the question of assessing coal.

The assessors asked Mr. Watson to decide whether coal should be classed as first-class property or whether it should be placed in the same class as the surface overhead, several of the coal companies having objected to the assessors' method of procedure in following the former plan.

It is understood that Mr. Watson will advise the assessors that coal should be classed as third-class property, or placed in the same class as agricultural land. This opinion will be based on his belief that coal cannot be construed to come under the specifications fixed by statute for first-class or built-up property.

If the coal companies persist in objecting to the classification now made, the assessors will follow the city solicitor's advice and will classify all coal as third-class property, but they will devise a new method of valuing it.

The present valuation is \$65.00 per foot per acre. The method which it is proposed to adopt, if the coal is classed as third-class property, is to assess it in a lump sum at so much per acre, taking into consideration the average depth of the veins.

This would mean an increased valuation, and it is generally understood that the coal companies are not overly anxious to see such a plan put into force and will agree to abide by the present valuation and classification.

The position of the assessors is that the present valuation is not high, because the city has to take the word of the companies as to the amount of coal owned by them, there being no appropriation to pay for the work of taking measurements and making examinations in the various mines.

NEITHER DEAD NOR SLEEPING.

The Dunmore Baptist Church on the Up-Grade.

Many people thought the Dudley Street Baptist church in Dunmore was about dead. A wonderful resurrection has taken place. The meetings now being held by the Wilsons are being attended with wonderful results. On Sunday night and last night the church was full. Extra seats have had to be put in. The gospel singing by Mr. Wilson is very effective and last night many were moved to tears by it.

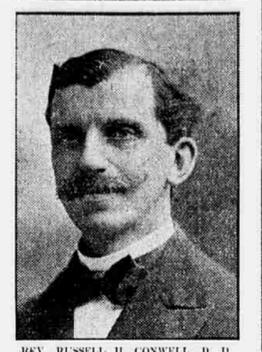
Mr. Wilson is a very plain spoken man. He has a rich fund of illustration, gathered from a wide and long experience which he uses with immense force. A number have accepted Christ already. The meetings will continue every night this week except Saturday night. Go and hear these notable evangelists of song and story.

LECTURE BY DR. CONWELL

HE TELLS OF THE EFFICACY OF LAUGHTER.

In a Most Interesting Discourse on the Japanese Story of "The Jolly Earthquake," the Noted Philadelphian Shows What Laughter Will Accomplish for the Mind, the Body and the Soul—The Man Who Laughs Most Is the Highest Type of Humanity.

North Scranton, last night, for a second time had the pleasure and profit of a lecture by Rev. Russell H. Conwell, D. D., the noted lecturer and eminent Baptist clergyman of Philadelphia. As in the first instance it was given under the auspices of the North Main Avenue tabernacle, whose new pastor, Rev. Albert Hatcher Spith, was for many years associated with Dr. Con-



REV. RUSSELL H. CONWELL, D. D.

well in Philadelphia, and who wrote the widely circulated "Life of Russell H. Conwell."

The lecture was to have been given two weeks ago, but Dr. Conwell was unable to reach here in time on account of railroad delay. There were enough tickets sold at that time to fill the tabernacle. The attendance last night indicated that all who held tickets had in the interim decided to bring all of their families.

Dr. Conwell was introduced by Rev. Mr. Smith with a brief reference to the fact that according to the statistics of the lecture bureaus Dr. Conwell has filled more lecture engagements than any other living lecturer.

The subject of last night's lecture was "The Jolly Earthquake, or How to be Happy." As Dr. Conwell admitted in opening his lecture, the subject would suggest to some that it was somewhat ridiculous, but before the lecture had proceeded very far, it developed that it was very far from that.

WHAT IT IS. The "Jolly Earthquake," he went on to explain was an incident partly historical, partly traditional, which forms the basis of the prettiest stories in Japanese literature.

Out in the sea off Yokohama is an island which is said to be the most beautiful spot in either Japan or China. The American, German and Russian missionaries have their summer homes there. According to the Japanese story this island was an almost barren rock, used only for the isolation of criminals, insane persons and lepers, with a few fishermen as its only willing inhabitants. In the year 1905 there came a great earthquake which rent the island asunder and caused the sea to wash it over and transformed it into a fertile garden spot. During the continuance of the earthquake the sea and land gave off a gas which when breathed caused a person to fairly go into convulsions from laughter. Peculiar, as are most things Japanese, the inhabitants of the island were not destroyed by the earthquake and its accompanying tidal waves. Instead they were cured of the terrible experiences and all through them just rolled around and laughed hysterically.

Taking the Japanese story figuratively, Dr. Conwell used it as a vehicle for conveying a sermon on the efficacy of laughter. His applications of the story and his illustrations drawn from every day life were happily combined in portraying his idea of the need of laughter and the good that comes from it. Laughter, he contended, was not only a humor, but a preventative of, pretty much all the ills that humanity is heir to. It is the crowning outward feature distinguishing man from the brute. He who laughs most, the lecturer declared, is the highest type of human being. The man who never laughs is close to the level of the beast, which cannot laugh.

A CAUSE OF INSANITY. One of the causes of insanity, he argued, was the lack of laughter. The necessity for increased appropriations each year in the insane asylums was much as anything to the fact that Pennsylvania has ceased to laugh. Every expert on insanity from whom he made inquiry told him that the approaching insanity was inevitably marked at one period or another by a cessation of laughter.

It is a solemn and sacred thing to laugh, Dr. Conwell declared. One Saturday, after he had attended fifteen funerals, he went to his home at night, and after reaching his library became so wrought up by the scenes he had witnessed that he felt himself becoming mentally unbalanced. His family was away for the summer and he was all alone in the house. A terrible dread that he was going insane seized him. If he could only be made to laugh, it seemed to him, he would be all right. Was there not someone in the neighborhood who was of a jolly disposition, he thought. The result was of immediate negative, for he recalled that every person he knew in the neighborhood belonged to a church. He finally found a funny passage in one of the books of "Joshua Allen's Wife" was made to laugh. He was saved.

Numerous incidents were related to show how laughter effected a healing of the body through its effect on the mind. "The moment you think you are better, you are better," declared Dr. Conwell. For four Christian Scientists might claim him as a convert—though he didn't put it that way—the speaker added: "But I am not an extremist in this thing. If a one-legged man thinks he has two legs he is still but one leg, as I figure it."

After describing the baneful effect of a visit by a doleful person to a sick room, and telling of how he made a man well by getting him to tell funny

THE STRENUOUS LIFE. A Great Strain.

No one disputes the fact that we are living in a "rapid" age; it is rush, rush, rush from morning until night, and competition is so fierce that the struggle does not cease until the machine is worn out. Women, too, even when surrounded by every comfort, become irregular in the common affairs of life with their clubs and many social duties, have no time to give thought to their physical well-being, until they are suddenly brought to a sharp realization of the fact that nothing in their lives is so important as attention to correct, or rational living. It may surprise the readers to learn that women are more prone to piles than men, and in most cases, because it is difficult to impress upon them the importance of regular movements of the bowels; irregularity means straining at stool, and straining means piles, with the certainty (under the usual methods of treatment) that the sufferer will "have them always with her"; by "usual methods" is meant the application of salves and lotions, or (as a last resort) a surgical operation. If there is a complaint which entails more distress and suffering upon those afflicted, than piles or hemorrhoids, it is not known to the writer; fortunately, however, these are learning that there is a remedy that effectually cures all forms of piles; it is known as the Pyramid Pile Cure, is in suppository form, is applied directly to the parts, and does its work quickly and painlessly; it is sold by druggists for fifty cents a package, or will be mailed by the makers to any address, upon receipt of price. Mrs. John H. Castana, 2942 Arch St., Chicago, says: "I must write you that I was cured of a very aggravating case of itching and bleeding piles by the use of the great remedy, Pyramid Pile Cure, when after several physicians had claimed there was no cure except by an operation. I am well now, and owe all to this valuable remedy. I cannot say enough for it." Write the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book on the cause and cure of piles.

stories, the speaker declared that he had long ago determined to never, on a sick call with the idea of preparing a man to die. He would rather prepare a man to live. If a man is ready to live right, he is ready to die right.

What proved an especially interesting feature of the lecture was Dr. Conwell's narration of his experience on an assignment given him when he was working as a reporter on the Tribune. Mr. Greeley gave him a list of promising men, and he was directed to direct him to interview them, with an idea of finding out in what way they accounted for their vitality. Henry Ward Beecher, the first man he went to, told him that a jolly heart made it possible for him to work industriously. This suggested to the interviewer that he would ask each of the great personages he was to see if he was in the habit of laughing, and what he particularly laughed at.

Alfred Tennesson, Lydia Maria Childs, Mrs. Whitney, General Burnside, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, were some of the celebrities interviewed. All agreed that they were refreshed and invigorated by laughter and the thing that each thought funniest among the things he had done, simply, as, for instance, Emerson, usually supposed to be unutterably grave, having his risibilities stirred to the rollicking point by the contemplation of the story about the young man who got his letters mixed up and sent to his sweetheart one intended for his washerwoman.

The fund of stories with which the lecture was embellished, most of them being personal experiences or observations of the lecturer, made it extremely interesting and, and in all, it is safe to say a Scranton audience was never better pleased.

AN EXCELLENT CONCERT.

A really excellent concert was given last night in the Knights of Columbus club house by the newly-organized Catholic Choral club, a singing society formed from among the leading Catholic singers of the city and directed by Prof. John T. Watkins. The concert was given under the auspices of the Catholic Historical society and was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The music rendered by the club was entirely sweet and, considering the small number of rehearsals which had been conducted prior to last night's concert, the results accomplished were wonderful indeed. In that grand swinging chorus from Rossini's "Stabat Mater" bearing "Stabat Mater Dolores Jux et Cruentus Pilius," the work of the chorus was exceptionally fine.

Other selections from the "Stabat Mater" were given by James Langan, who sang the tenor solo, "Cujus Animam," and John W. Jones, who rendered the "Pie Jesu," with a splendid robustness. Miss Kathryn Morgan's beautiful soprano voice, with its wonderful clearness in the higher register, was heard to great advantage in the "Inflammatus Est."

Joseph O'Neil sang two numbers in her usual gifted manner. The second song, an Easter anthem by Woodman, was so exquisitely rendered that she was forced to respond to an encore. Miss Mary Niland sang a duet with Miss Morgan in the early part of the evening, and displayed talent of no mean order.

Prof. Watkins conducted, and Bauer's enlarged orchestra furnished the accompaniment.

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HAVEN'T WON TROPHY YET

BACKUS BOWLERS MADE MISERABLE SHOWING.

They Lost Three Games to West End Wheelmen, and the West Side Bowlers Still Have a Desperate, Fighting Chance to Win the Championship—Three Postponed Games Yet to Be Rolled Will Give the Electric City Wheelmen an Opportunity to Retrieve Themselves.

The last scheduled games in the second series of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Bowling league were rolled last night, but the final result is still in doubt, because of three postponed games which yet remain to be rolled between the Electric City and West End Wheelmen, and upon the result of which depends the championship to a certain extent.

The Backus bowlers, who have the lead, but who have been looked upon for the last two weeks as sure-thing winners, fell down in a most deplorable manner last night at Wilkes-Barre and lost three straight games to the West End Wheelmen, with a total score of only 2,079 for the three games, or a drop of nearly 100 pins each per man from the last game rolled by the team. There were two scores of less than 100 and "Billy" Hopkins made only 100 in the second game, the lowest total ever chalked up after his name in a match game this season.

It is said, in explanation of the small scores, that the alleys suffered from the recent flooding they received, but then the West Enders had the same conditions to contend with. If the Electric City Wheelmen can manage to win their three postponed games, they will be tied with the Backus team, and will have a chance to play off for the trophy. Of course, the Backus bowlers have the advantage, but they may yet lose the championship. The story of the Wilkes-Barre games may be gleaned from a perusal of the following score:

Table with columns: Name, Pins, Total. Includes Backus, West End Wheelmen, and Electric City Wheelmen.

The Electric City wheelmen managed to win one game from the Scranton Bicycle club team by a narrow margin but the scores made by each were just about the average. They were as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Pins, Total. Includes Scranton Bicycle Club and Electric City Wheelmen.

The best games of the night were those rolled on the Elk's alleys. The Green Ridge wheelmen put up a fairly stiff article of bowling and took two games. The Elks made the third by twenty pins. The score:

Table with columns: Name, Pins, Total. Includes Elks and Green Ridge Wheelmen.

The standing of the clubs at the end of last night's play was as follows:

Table with columns: Club Name, Pins, Total. Includes Backus, Electric City Wheelmen, etc.

MOVED TO CITY HALL.

City Solicitor Will Spend All His Time in Municipal Building.

City Solicitor George M. Watson, who has long occupied an office in the board of trade building, has moved his personal effects and his extensive law library to his office in the Municipal building and he will hereafter transact all his law business, both public and private in this office.

Mr. Watson's reason for making this change is so that he can devote more time and attention to his work as city solicitor. He will now be enabled to spend his entire time in the Municipal building, except when in court.

Political.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.—Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution of the Republican standing committee of the Third legislative district of Lackawanna county, the primary of the said party will be held on Saturday, the 29th day of April, 1902, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m., and the election of return judges on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1902, at 2 p. m., at the Court house, Scranton. At these primaries one person will be nominated for assemblyman, and two persons for the office of delegates to the state convention. Attention is called to the following rules: "Rule 7. Each candidate must register his full name and post-office address with the chairman of the legislative district on or before the day immediately preceding the day before the primary election, or his name will not be printed on the official ballot." For convenience, registrations will be made with and assessments paid to the secretary, J. E. Watkins, at 902 1/2 Meigs building, Scranton, Pa. Should but one person register with the secretary for the office of assemblyman and two persons for delegates to the state convention, the chairman and secretary shall be controlled by the provisions of Rules 24 and 25 of the rules of said party. By order of the chairman, T. S. PARBEE, Secretary.

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